

CLAIMS

1. A fibre web adapted for transporting sheet materials comprising at least three regions, each region being formed from a fibre web, wherein the regions are disposed so that a first region and a second region are each adjacent to and separated by a third region, and wherein the adjacent regions are separated by a seam, each seam being formed by fastening together the overlapping portions of two or more layers of the fibre web from adjacent regions and wherein at least one seam incorporates a filler between the overlapping layers.

2. A sleeve formed from a fibre web adapted to receive sheet material, wherein the sleeve is formed by fastening one or more fabric webs together by means of seams, wherein at least one seam is constructed so that a filler is provided between the fabric webs in the seam zone.

3. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein seams are provided along part or all of one or more edges of the fibre web.

4. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein each seam present incorporates a filler.

5. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the filler is selected from a polymer, foam or a manmade or synthetic rubber.

6. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in claim 5, wherein the polymer is a polyolefin, and preferably is polypropylene.

7. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in claim 6, wherein the polypropylene is corrugated.

8. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the fibre web forming each region is a polyolefin.

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9. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in claim 8, wherein the polyolefin is polypropylene.

10. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein at least one edge of the first region and the corresponding at least one edge of the third region are provided with fastenings to allow the edges of the first region to be fastened to the corresponding edges of the third region.

11. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in claim 10, wherein the fastenings are eyelets, clips, Velcro or press studs.

12. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the seam is formed by sewing fabric webs together.

13. A fibre web or sleeve wherein the filler is sewn up jointly with the fabric webs so that the filler is retained within the seam.

14. A fibre web or sleeve as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein at least two handles are attached to the fibre web or sleeve to enable transportation.

15. A fibre web adapted for transporting sheet materials, wherein the fibre web comprises a base layer of woven fibre having three regions in which: a first protective region is adapted to cover one of the two largest faces of the sheet material, a second protective region is adapted to cover the other of the largest faces of the sheet material, and a third region separating the first and second regions and joined to both is adapted to cover a face separating the two largest faces of the sheet material, wherein at least the first and second protective regions include a second layer formed of plastics material bonded to the base layer, and wherein the base layer includes one or more further sealing regions adjacent to the first and or second protective regions, the or each sealing region being adapted to cover one or more of the remaining exposed sides of the sheet material when suitably folded.

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16. A fibre web as claimed in claim 15, wherein the or each sealing region is provided with releasable fastening means to enable the or each sealing region to be fastened releasable to a corresponding surface of the base layer when the fibre web is suitably folded.

17. A fibre web as claimed in claim 15 or 16, wherein the plastics material is corrugated polypropylene.

18. A fibre web as claimed in any of claims 15 to 18, wherein the base layer is formed from woven polypropylene.

19. A fibre web as claimed in any of claims 15 to 18, wherein the base layer is coated on both sides with polypropylene.